

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of: ISLAM et al.
International Application No.: PCT EP99 10157
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Title: PRODUCTION OF PROTEINS

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The above-identified application is being transmitted herewith for entry in the US National Phase under Chapter II of the PCT for the purpose of adding the priority information. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Abstract:

The Abstract has been placed on a separate sheet of paper according to US practice, as required under 37 CFR 1.72(b).

In the Specification:

On the first line of the specification, after the Title, please add:

--This application is filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371 as a United States National Phase Application of International Application No. PCT/EP99/10157 filed 21 December 1999, which claims priority from Great Britain Application No. 9828624.8 filed 23 December 1998.--

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-12 without prejudice or disclaimer thereto.